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SUMMARY: MISSION WITHHELD FINAL ENDORSEMENT OF ONE-YEAR
INTERIM APPROVAL OF NATO FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. ALL BUT FRANCE
AGREED ON COMPROMISE PROPOSAL
THAT IF U.S. COULD AGREE ON INTERIM APPROVAL FOR CURRENT YEAR,
PROGRAM FOR FUTURE WOULD HAVE GREATER INFORMATION ORIENTATION.
BRITISH PROPOSED

THAT FELLOWSHIP FUNDS BE DIVIDED TO ALLOW CONTINUATION OF
FELLOWSHIPS IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES AND ACTIVITIES THOUGHT TO BE MORE
EFFECTIVE IN OTHERS. DEPARTMENT COMMENTS REQUESTED BY COB NOVEMBER 1.
END SUMMARY.

1. THOUGH REF (B) APPROVES INTERIM CONTINUATION OF NATO FELLOWSHIP
PROGRAM, MISSION TRIED AT OCTOBER 25 CICR MEETING TO IMPROVE ITS
BARGAINING POSITION RATHER THAN ACCEDE IMMEDIATELY TO GENERAL DESIRE
FOR INTERIM CONTINUATION.

2. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SAID IF HE WERE TO HAVE ANY
CHANCE OF CONVINCING HIS AUTHORITIES TO AGREE TO INTERIM
APPROVAL OF FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR CURRENT YEAR, HE
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WOULD HAVE TO PRESENT FIRST OF ALL AT LEAST BROAD OUT-
LINES FOR AN AGREED COMPROMISE SUCCESSOR PROGRAM FOR
FUTURE YEARS.

3. FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE SAID HE COULD SEE NO CONNECTION BETWEEN INTERIM APPROVAL AND THE SHAPE OF EVENTUAL COMPROMISE FOR FUTURE.

4. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION RESTATING PREVIOUS POSITIONS, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION (KOREN) ASKED WHETHER AS A HELP IN GETTING U.S. TO AGREE TO INTERIM APPROVAL, CICR COULD AT LEAST AGREE THAT ANY FUTURE PROGRAM SHOULD HAVE DISTINCT INFORMATION FLAVOR AS WELL AS CULTURAL FLAVOR, RATHER THAN LEAVE PROGRAM AS FREE ACADEMIC EXERCISE.

5. MOST COUNTRIES ACCEPTED THIS PROPOSAL, SOME WITH MINOR RESERVATIONS. FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE SAID HE COULD NOT AGREE TO THIS NOW BUT WOULD TRY TO CONVINCE HIS AUTHORITIES.

6. WHILE THANKING KOREN FOR HIS ATTEMPT TO HELP REACH SOLUTION, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SAID PROPOSAL WAS EXTREMELY VAGUE, NOT AT ALL WHAT HE HAD IN MIND. SAID THAT WEAK PROPOSAL WAS FURTHER WEAKENED BY FACT THAT IT DID NOT EVEN HAVE FULL ENDORSEMENTS OF ALL MEMBERS.

7. KOREN SAID NATIS HAD STARTED PROCEDURES FOR PRODUCING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM PRINTED MATERIALS. FRENCH SAID THAT THREE WEEKS AFTER THIS MEETING MATERIALS HAD TO BE IN PARIS IN ORDER TO MEET PROGRAM TIMETABLE. KOREN SAID HE THOUGHT MATERIALS WOULD BE READY IN ABOUT TWO OR THREE WEEKS.

8. JUST PRIOR TO CICR MEETING UK MISSION CIRCULATED COMPROMISE PROPOSAL PROVIDING THAT FELLOWSHIP BUDGET SHOULD BE DIVIDED ON EQUITABLE BASIS BETWEEN (A) THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH FIND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM EFFECTIVE AND (B) THOSE WHICH WISH TO ABANDON IT. IN CASE OF FORMER, FUNDS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE ALLOCATED TO FELLOWSHIPS. IN CASE OF LATTER, FUNDS COULD BE USED FOR SUCH ALTERNATIVE PROJECTS AS VISITS TO NATO AND TRAVELING PANELS.

9. MISSION COMMENT: MISSION COULD TRY TO GET FRENCH TO AGREE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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KOREN PROPOSAL (PARA FOUR) AND THEN ACCEDE TO GENERAL DESIRE TO ASK COUNCIL FOR ONE-YEAR CONTINUATION OF PROGRAM. BUT THIS WOULD NOT BE HIGHLY SATISFACTORY OUTCOME.

10. BRITISH COMPROMISE APPEARS TO HAVE MORE MERIT, BUT WAS NOT DISCUSSED AT MEETING. MISSION FAVORS SUPPORTING THIS COMPROMISE FOR CURRENT YEAR AND TO CONTINUE TO WORK FOR COMPLETE ABOLITION OF FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IN FUTURE. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS BY COB NOVEMBER 1.
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